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	Semester 1	Semester 2						
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TAF 501	Tafseer 501	FQH 503	International Relations					
DHD 502	Orientalism	TAF 502	Tafseer 502					

YEAR 2							
	Semester 3		Semester 4				
FQH 504	Qada Wa Siyaa'sa Shar'eeyah	THS 502	MA Thesis				
ARB 503	Arabic Literature						
HAD 503	Sunan Ibn Majah						
THS 501	Thesis Preparation and Research						

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"Those who know are not equal to those who do not know." Qur'an, Az-Zumar 39:9

#### **FOUNDER**

Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips is a Jamaican - Canadian Islamic scholar who converted to Islam in the early 70s. He completed a BA in Islamic studies in Madeenah, MA in Islamic Theology in Riyadh, and PhD in Islamic Theology in the University of Wales, UK.

Dr. Bilal Philips has written, translated and commented on over 50 books on various Islamic topics. He has also edited and published the Eemaan Reading Series for children in international Islamic schools.

He has taught Islamic Studies and Arabic in different universities and has presented Islamic programs on the several global Islamic TV channels. He is ranked among the 500 most influential Muslims in the world.

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